

CAPITOL NEWS

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Aloha Friends and Neighbors,

I want to thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve you as your state representative. I continue to look after the interests of our community and work to ensure it is met.

A primary challenge of the legislature was how to rectify a \$1.3 billion deficit. The legislature achieved a balanced budget this year through a combination of budget cuts and increasing revenues. About half of the deficit was closed by making cuts to the state budget, and **we avoided raising the general excise tax (GET) which would have seriously impacted every resident and business in the state.**

As we are all living through these challenging economic times, I understand the sacrifices we all have to make. I believe that some of the measures adopted in this legislative session will help stabilize the economy and create a foundation for fiscal recovery. As the costs of services have risen to operate this state, the legislators have made responsible decisions and personally share in the sacrifice.

Such sacrifice is seen by the support of House Bill 575, which I introduced and passed as Act 57 with the support of the other legislators. This bill extends the 5% Pay Cuts for state legislators, judges, the lieutenant governor, governor, and state department heads and deputies from 2009 through 2013. This extension results in an overall 12% Pay Cut to the state legislators. As a Representative I did this to be very fiscally responsible and accountable.

Again, Thank you for the opportunity to serve you and our community. Enclosed is information I would like to share with you. If you have any questions or comments please feel free to contact me.

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Waipahu Beautification Day, Waialeale Green Team clean-up on Lumiauu Street.



Supporting our schools by Volunteering in a School Supply Drive.

USEFUL NUMBERS AND WEBSITES

Legislative Info	capitol.hawaii.gov	On-line Traffic updates ...	goakamai.com
Recycling Info	692-5419	Traffic Signal Problems	564-6101
Senior Assistance	586-7299	Bulky Item Pick-up	832-7840
Abandoned Vehicles	733-2530	Pothole Hotline	536-7852
Water Waste Hotline	748-5010	Crime Stoppers	955-8300



Safety striping and Mobile Speedometer radar on Honowai Street.



Safety striping on Honowai Street, near Honowai Elementary. Providing protection to the children and parents by Honowai Elementary.



Speedometer radar on Kupuna Loop. Please Do not speed in our community.

Safe Speeds for Our Keiki in Our Neighborhoods

Keeping our neighborhood safe is a top priority. Working with Councilmember Nestor Garcia, Representative Henry Aquino, and Representative Ryan Yamane, City's DTS, and the Honolulu Police Department (HPD). We are helping to deter speeding with safety striping. Safety striping will narrow the roadway and better define the travel lanes and creates a safe zone for people in and out of their vehicles. Working together we were able to accomplish and provide the Safety striping already installed on Honowai Street, Kupuna Loop, Kaaholo Street, and Kahuanani Street in the district. We have also worked with the Honolulu Police Department (HPD) to place mobile speedometer radars on our streets.

Legislative Accomplishments

I was happy to have these bills that I authored/co-authored or supported to be signed into law by the Governor. Here is a short summary of each of them:

Act 57 — Extends the 5% pay cut for State Legislators, Judges, the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and Department Heads and Deputies. **(HB 575)**

Act 151 — Broadband infrastructure will exempt improvements from state and county permitting for five years under certain conditions. This bill will attract private business to improve and upgrade broadband systems in our State. It will allow improvements in our Schools around the State. **(HB 1342)**



Honoring our National Board Certified teacher at Kalei'opu'u Elem.



Reviewing testimony in a Public Safety Committee hearing.

Act 187 — Adds the assault on Fire-fighters and water safety officers, while they are performing their duty, to the offense of assault in the second degree. This law is especially important for our Kupuna, because it creates a class B felony for unauthorized entry into a dwelling, based on the occupants age of 62 years-old and over and/or their mental and/or physical incapacity. It protects our Kupuna by increasing the penalty of the crime. **(SB 1025)**

Act 146 — will establish tougher penalties for the offenses of labor trafficking, nonpayment of wages, and for unlawful conduct with respect to documents. Making these crimes Class A and B Felony. **(HB 141)**

Act 214 — will provide a safer learning environment by requiring the Department of Education to submit a compliance report to the Board of Education regarding the rules and statuses on bullying, harassment, and cyber bullying within our school. It will provide the information needed to improve our rules and penalties. **(HB 688)**



Honoring the Sheriff's department for their years of service.



Addressing students from our community.

Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) Important to House District 41

Given our difficult budgetary situation, House District 41 was very fortunate to benefit from a total of **\$332,468,000** in appropriations from the Legislature in the biennium budget for our schools, roads, non-profits and many other construction projects. A big Mahalo to House Finance Chair Marcus Oshiro, House CIP Chair Kyle Yamashita and my other colleagues at the Capitol for their hard work this past legislative session. Here is a list of those projects:

SCHOOLS

- **Kalei'opu'u Elementary School** - Construction for Electrical Upgrades - **\$550,000**
- **Waipahu Elementary School** - Design and Construction for a Classroom Building - **\$8,100,000**
- **Waipahu Intermediate School** - Design for an Eight-Classroom Building - **\$800,000**
- **Waipahu High School** - Plan, Design, and Construction for Electrical Upgrades - **\$60,000**



ROADS/TRANSPORTATION

- **H-1 Freeway PM Contra flow Lane (Westbound)** - Radford to Waialeale - **\$75,000,000**
- **H-1 Concrete Preservation** - Pearl City, Waimalu, Airport Viaduct Repair - **\$63,000,000**
- **H-1 Middle Street Merge Widening** - From Ola Lane up to Vineyard Off-ramp - **\$100,000,000**
- **H-201 Moanalua Freeway Resurfacing** - **\$4,000,000**
- **H-1,H-2 Freeways Destination Sign** - Upgrades and Replacements - **\$6,200,000**
- **Highway Lighting Replacements** - **\$8,950,000**
- **Leeward Bikeway Phases 1 & 2** - Construct 12-ft. wide bike path over 13.2 miles - **\$8,500,000**



HARBORS AND AIRPORT IMPROVEMENTS

Understanding the importance of the Honolulu International Airport and its impact on our Tourism based economy. Shipping and our Harbors share a similar importance to the commerce in the state. With over ninety percent (90%) of our goods coming in through our harbors system. Maintaining, securing and upgrading our facilities are important to our economy and commerce within the state.

- **Honolulu International Airport** - Runway Pavement Improvements widening and lighting - **\$18,500,000**
- **Honolulu Harbor** - Pier Improvements (Tenant Relocations, Breast Line Bollard Installations) - **\$9,709,000**
- **Security Improvements to our commercial harbors statewide** - **\$5,002,000**



AGRICULTURE

- **Waihole Water Systems Improvements** - **\$3,000,000**

CIVIL DEFENSE

- **Hurricane Protective Measures** - On Public buildings for increases number of public emergency shelters statewide - **\$3,650,000**
- **Disaster Warning and Communications Devices** - Replace and Upgrade Equipment - **\$3,200,000**



HONORING OUR VETERANS

- **Veterans Cemetery Improvements Statewide** - **\$9,797,000**

GRANT-IN-AID TO NON-PROFITS

- **Hawaii Public Television Foundation** - **\$2,000,000**
- **Easter Seals Hawaii** - **\$950,000**
- **Special Olympics Hawaii, Inc.** - **\$1,500,000**



House Resolutions

I was pleased to have passed these resolutions with the help of the other members in the legislature. Here is a brief summary on each of them:

HR 158 Coordinating with the City and County of Honolulu to construct a crosswalk on upper Aiki Street along Kupuna Loop in Village Park for pedestrian safety.

HR 159 Coordinating with the City and County of Honolulu to construct a left-turn signal and left-storage lane for motorists traveling on Lumiaina Street and turning onto Kamehameha Highway to ease traffic congestion in Waikele.



HR 160 Coordinating with the City and County of Honolulu to construct a traffic signal at the intersection of Honowai and Waipahu Streets for the safety and traffic congestion concerns.



I attended a memorable Park Dedication. The former Waikēle Community Park was changed to the **Mitsuo "Mits" Shito Park**, in honor of the late Mits Shito, the founding father of the Waikēle Community and Former Waipahu State Representative. Mits legacy shall continue to live on through this park and each and everyone of us as we care for our community.



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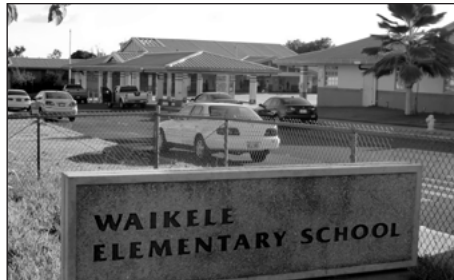
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Capital Improvement Projects Release of Funds for District 41

Through my dedicated work with the Governor's office and The Department of Education. We were able to release funding for these two projects totaling **\$360,000**:

Honowai Elementary School, Classroom Walls and Solar Ventilators— **\$260,000**

Waikēle Elementary School, Expansion of Faculty Parking Lot to accommodate additional parking for parents and visitors — **\$100,000**



Due to all the natural disasters occurring throughout the world. State Representative Aquino, Representative Yamane, State Senator Nishihara and I collaborated with the State Civil Defense. We all organized a Natural Disaster Town Hall meeting at Waipahu Intermediate. We were fortunate to have Ed Teixeira from the State Civil Defense, whom presented and provided information on preparing for Natural Disasters. Please look forward toward our next town hall meeting. For information regarding natural disaster preparedness you may call (808) 723-8960 or visit the website at www.oahuDEM.org. Please contact me if I can help in any way at all. My email is repcullen@capitol.hawaii.gov and our office number is 586-8490.

